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(54) **ANGIOTENSIN CONVERTING ENZYME HOMOLOG AND USES THEREFOR**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to the discovery of novel genes encoding an angiotensin converting enzyme, Angiotensin Converting Enzyme-2 (ACE-2). The invention provides therapeutics, prognostic and diagnostics methods for treating blood pressure related disorders as well as various types of allergic conditions, among others. Also disclosed are screening assays for identifying compounds for treating and preventing these conditions.

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Polymeric crosslinking agents are disclosed that have an inert water soluble polymeric component, biodegradable components, functional components reactive with chemical groups on a protein, for example, amine or thiol groups. The inert polymeric component may be flanked at each end with a biodegradable component which is flanked at each end with a protein reactive functional component. A polymeric crosslinking agent is disclosed having a biodegradable component, polyalkylene oxide, and at least three reactive functional groups that are each capable of forming a covalent bond in water with at least one functional group such as an amine, thiol, or carboxylic acid.

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Christensen et al.

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(54) **REMOVAL OF EMBEDDING MEDIA FROM BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND CELL CONDITIONING ON AUTOMATED STAINING INSTRUMENTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides reagents for use in an automated environment for removing or etching embedding media by exposing a biological sample to be stained in histochemical or cytochemical procedures without the dependence on organic solvents. The reagents comprise components optimized to facilitate removal or etching of the embedding media from the biological sample. The present invention also provides reagents for use in an automated environment for cell conditioning biological samples wherein the cells are predisposed for access by reagent molecules for histochemical and cytochemical staining procedures. The reagents comprise components optimized to facilitate molecular access to cells and cell constituents within the biological sample.

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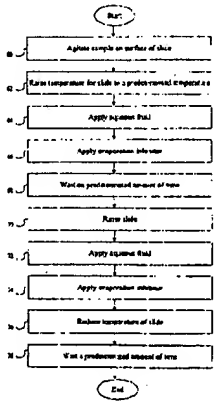

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(54) **POLYPEPTIDES THAT INHIBIT HUMAN SERUM-INDUCED CLEAVAGE OF HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Compositions and methods are disclosed for stimulating or inhibiting angiogenesis and/or cardiovascularization in mammals, including humans. Pharmaceutical compositions are based on polypeptides or antagonists thereto that have been identified for one or more of these uses. Disorders that can be diagnosed, prevented, or treated by the compositions herein include trauma such as wounds, various cancers, and disorders of the vessels including atherosclerosis and cardiac hypertrophy. In addition, the present invention is directed to novel polypeptides and to nucleic acid molecules encoding those polypeptides. Also provided herein are vectors and host cell comprising those nucleic acid sequences, chimerie polypeptide molecules comprising the polypeptides of the present invention fused to heterologous polypeptide sequences, antibodies which bind to the polypeptides of the present invention and to methods for producing the polypeptides of the present invention.

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(54) **COILED-COIL MEDIATED HETERODIMERIZATION FUNCTIONAL INTERACTION TRAP**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Fusion proteins containing coiled-coil heterodimerization domains substituted for modular protein binding domains useful for validating functionally relevant protein-protein interactions, directing enzymes to specific substrates, and screening fusion libraries for functionally important interaction partners.

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